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PAL OPERATIONS

Manila, Mar. 20.

Justice Secretary Jose P. Bengzon was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the government-controlled Philippine Air Lines at the annual stockholders meeting last night. Colonel Andres Soriano, largest private stockholder, was re-elected President.

The company reported a net profit of US\$350,000 during the past year, first time operations have been on the profit side in PAL history.

In other air line developments here, the American Embassy called the attention of the Philippines government to the fact its minimum charge of 60 cents US per air mail letter to the United States is a violation of an agreement signed by both countries at Paris. The United States rate to the Philippines is 50 cents minimum.

Philippines Postal authorities commented they had no alternative to the 60 cents charge in view of the government payment of 50 cents per mile flown to PAL cents per mile.

PAA COMPLAINT

The Embassy also transmitted to the Philippines government a complaint from Pan American Airlines. Pan American said that when it was granted a non-exclusive franchise for 25 years in 1935 by the Philippines Commonwealth Legislature, its taxes were fixed at one per cent of gross revenue for the first 10 years and two per cent for the second 15 years. Pan American said a law passed by the Philippines Republic in 1946 compelled it to pay five percent of the net revenue from operations here.

The Embassy transmitted a query from American operated airlines asking for a report on what steps have been taken by the Philippines government to implement a civil aviation agreement signed at the Chicago conference of civil aviation setting certain standards and practices to be followed by both countries. —Associated Press.

Life In Red Society

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, today likened life in Communist society to life in the animal kingdom.

Speaking before the national meeting of the Youth Union of the Liberal Party, Mr. Yoshida said that the Communists were trying to drive mankind back to medieval living standards. —Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Government Spending

THE Chinese Reform Association says it has attempted to anticipate whatever criticism of the Budget the Unofficials have in mind for tomorrow's Legislative Council debate. But this is all to the good, indicating as it does an ability for independent thinking on the part of our Chinese citizens. The Chinese Reform Association lists a number of complaints against the current Estimates, although it does concede that Government has made some effort to meet demands for certain types of reform. The tenor of the Association's memorandum is that Government is proposing to do too little in the forthcoming financial year in the way of improving social services, health services and educational facilities. It quotes figures to show that it is proposed to spend less on social services in the next twelve months than during the year ending; that actual expenditure on education has been considerably less than originally provided for; that public enthusiasm for Government's dollar-for-dollar schemes is accordingly discouraged; that not enough attention is being given to the provision of sanatoria wherein a much greater number of TB victims can be treated; that Government's proposed spending programme for the Civic Centre is a "tardy timetable," and apparently fails to take into consideration the necessity for making immediate funds available for the purchase of essential requirements such as library books and museum exhibits; that Government has apparently pigeon-holed constitutional reform and that "all this window-dressing of Budget debate, year in and year out," does not amount to anything

unless the Government means what it says and implements solemn pledges of reform. All this makes a not unimposing array of contentious proposals and are criticisms which merit Government's attention. Whether or not they appear in any of the speeches by the Unofficials tomorrow they deserve to be dealt with when the Budget debate is wound up. We also trust that before the debate is over, Government will give some assurances that funds earmarked for development projects will not be diverted to pay for undertakings which normally come within administrative expenditure. The five-year programme of major works listed as a schedule to the Estimates comprises 29 items, less than half of which can truly be described as development schemes for the general welfare and benefit of the community. A fund now exists to cater for this and parallel types of development projects and the public will want to see that special money utilised to the best advantage. General revenue can take care of undertakings such as Government quarters, police stations, fire stations, roads, bridges, sewer replacements and the like. They are not community welfare development works and must not be treated as such. We feel that a statement should be issued shortly by Government to show just how the Development Fund is going to be used — on what projects and the proposed annual allocation of funds. The public will then be able to satisfy itself that money reserved for special development projects is not being used for undertakings which ordinarily are paid for out of general revenue.

Protest Strike By Burmese MPs

Rangoon, Mar. 19.

An Opposition group of 17 men and one woman proclaimed a sitdown strike in Parliament today and refused to get out when the session adjourned.

Police with fixed bayonets stood guard around the chamber when the group charged that the government barred some of their motions and they started their strike, which is to last until Tuesday night.

The leader of the group, U Aung Than, said the government barred a motion to discuss supplementary budget estimates and a resolution calling for a broader national government, including members not at present in the House, pending new elections. —United Press.

They Still Think The War Is On

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

The Japanese authorities reported today that a stubborn band of 21 Japanese soldiers, seamen, and merchant marines are still holding out on a tiny island in the Marianas and fighting World War II.

Yoshiharu Takeno, head of the Foreign Office repatriation division, told a committee of the Upper House that he received a report on the group from Mrs. Kazuko Higa of Okinawa. He said Mrs. Higa reported that the Japanese on Anatahan island in the Marianas, about 1,500 miles south-east of Tokyo, are merchant sailors from a wrecked transport.

Takeno reported that for six years they refused to believe that the war ended in Japan's defeat. Mrs. Higa said she was the wife of one of the men on the island. Her husband died and other Japanese hid in the mountains when American troops landed. However, Mrs. Higa surrendered and was repatriated to Okinawa.

Takeno said his information on the Japanese was based on Mrs. Higa's letter. He said the Japanese authorities tried to convince them with statements over an amplifier and by distributing hand bills. The authorities had tried to approach the rebels' headquarters with appealing gifts of rice.

Takeno said that families of the war-torn have asked for permission to visit the island; the families feel sure they can convince their men. —United Press.

Japanese Peace Treaty

ANGLO-US AGREEMENT ON MAIN POINTS Forgive-and-Forget Policy

London, Mar. 19.

Britain and the United States have agreed on the main points of a soft peace treaty aimed at restoring Japan as a strong, non-Communist nation linked with the West, official sources reported tonight.

They said Britain last week dispatched a note to Washington substantially accepting an American version of what the treaty should look like. This American draft — in fact a "statement of principles" — has been submitted to all non-Communist countries which actively helped beat Japan in World War II.

The West's forgive-and-forget policy toward Japan would:

- Excuse her from paying reparations.
- Give Japan the right to build up a civilian air force and a merchant navy again, with minor limits.

Britain has recommended a number of safeguards which have to do with keeping Japan democratic in the Western sense, unaggressive and unarmed.

Secret policy, for instance, would be denied to her. So would all secret societies and a mass army. She would, however, have the right to maintain an armed police force big enough to take care of any internal uprising.

Britain also would like to see the defeated nation able to sustain her growing population without being crunched economically by the West. The Japanese steel production ceiling, in her view, ought to be pegged to the output recorded in the near peak year of 1933.

To insure that the Japanese abide by fair employment and trading practices, Britain and her Commonwealth friends are anxious to see that all international conventions dealing with things like labour conditions, trademarks and copyrights are written into any final peace treaty.

An important difference between Britain and the United States on Japan's future:

Britain wants some limits placed on Japan's armed forces, notably on her capacity to build a navy. The United States would like the island

kingdom restored to a position of equality among the non-Communist peoples.

US RESPONSIBILITY

In this attitude, Britain apparently reflects the fears of some Commonwealth countries — such as Australia and New Zealand — that Japan in certain circumstances might find herself on the side of Russia and Red China against the West.

The British recognize, however, that the United States is shouldering the first responsibility for the defence of the Pacific against any Red thrust — a factor which gives her a big say in the treaty writing.

These difficulties are likely to be surmounted by an American proposal which would give the United States and maybe some other like-minded powers, the right to protect Japan in the interests of general Pacific security. In practice this would entitle the United States to set up military bases on Japanese territory in agreement with the Japanese government, and once a peace treaty is signed.

Presence of American forces on Japanese soil, in the British view, would imply a limited safeguard against the possibility of renewed Japanese aggression against the West.

DULLES' DISCUSSIONS

Washington, Mar. 19.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, Republican State Department adviser, discussed with Senators today a preliminary draft of a proposed treaty with Japan.

Senator John Sparkman, Chairman of a Foreign Relations Sub-Committee, said that the draft Dulles was circulating to 15 of the major nations interested in the treaty, including Soviet Russia.

The proposed draft was understood to follow closely the lines announced recently by Mr. Dulles after a previous appearance before the Senate. Under it the Japanese would be required to stand on their own economic feet and would be encouraged to prepare for their own defence.

Mr. Sparkman said that, aside from the treaty, some agreement must be reached with Japan about the continued stationing of American troops on the islands until Japan can take care of its own defence. The Japanese constitution now bars the raising of an army. —Associated Press.

CANADA PAYS HER SHARE

Ottawa, Mar. 19.

The House of Commons today voted \$7,250,000 as Canada's share of United Nations relief and rehabilitation for war-ravaged Korea.

External Affairs Minister Mr. Lester B. Pearson said the UN estimates it requires about \$250,000 to meet the immediate needs in Korea for relief alone. Rehabilitation will come later. Canada's first contribution is roughly in proportion to her share of the UN's general expenses. —Associated Press.

Operation Is Successful

Tehran, Mar. 19.

The surgical operation on Dr. Abdul Hamid Zangeneh, Education Minister shot by a would-be assassin, was successful, the United Press from the Minister's liver and intestines which were pierced by the bullet were now patched up, with a blood transfusion and with a blood transfusion. It was reported the Shah had decided to take matters seriously and to take necessary steps to prevent such a tragedy from being repeated.

NATIONALISING OIL

Mounting Demands To Follow Iran's Lead

London, Mar. 19.

Demands for nationalisation of foreign-run properties were mounting in the strategic Middle East in the wake of Iran's move to take over the British-operated oil industry there.

Reports from Baghdad said the Iraqi Nationalist Party had asked the Prime Minister, Nuri el Said, to follow suit and take over the Iraq Petroleum Company, which is operated by Western interests.

At the same time, Iranian nationalists are trying to spread the nationalisation drive to Bahrain, the oil-rich British protectorate in the Persian Gulf, to which Iran has laid persistent claim.

Nationalisation cries also were heard in Egypt. A number of Egyptian deputies were reported from Cairo to be proposing to raise the question of nationalising the Suez Canal Company, a French firm with big British holdings.

One British official said: "The interests involved in these claims comprise the world's most vital strategic reserves. No aggressive power would be likely to go to war unless or until it is able to control these reserves."

TWO MATERIAL FACTORS

Officials here said the entire strategic concept in Asia was governed by two main material factors in modern warfare — airpower and oil. One said: "The principal known oil reserves of the world lie in the countries around the Persian Gulf. This may be the battle-ground both of the material struggle for oil and air bases and of the spiritual struggle between Islam and Communism."

Particular interest is being paid to the nationalisation move in Iraq, they said, because the Iraq Petroleum Company is the only source of oil supplies which at present has pipelines reaching the Mediterranean. Plans have been made by British and American companies to construct pipelines from Iran and the Saudi-Arabian oilfields to the Mediterranean but actual work has been held up by steel shortages and location difficulties. For this reason, the officials said, the movement of oil from the Persian Gulf countries through the Suez Canal have become more vitally important.

The reported move in Egypt was regarded here as "a life flying" designed to influence current negotiations for revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty which permits British gunboats of the Suez Canal Zone.

Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador to Egypt, was said to be returning to Cairo this week after talks with the British government on the latest situation in Egypt. A source said: "He will probably seek further information from the Egyptian government before any date is fixed for resumption of the Anglo-Egyptian talks in London." —United Press.

A HELPING HAND



When Sergt Richard Drozdowski of New Jersey was wounded during a recent engagement on the Korean fighting front he found in Pte Roy Ingle, of Sydney, Australia, a real comrade in arms. Pte Ingle (right) gave a much needed helping hand to the wounded GI, as this picture taken at the time reveals.

Enemy Going North Of 38th

ACTION VIEWED WITH MISTRUST

(From Cyril Aynsley)

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

Latest reports from Korea make it now appear certain that the enemy is withdrawing across the 38th Parallel.

Last night United Nations forces were in contact with the enemy 17 miles from the political line and this morning are continuing to move forward.

The enemy's latest move is causing speculation and has set military commanders another Chinese puzzle. When the present United Nations offensive opened a fortnight ago correspondents were asked to be cautious about what they wrote because the "operation" might continue into an extended future.

The main objective was to draw the enemy from Seoul and take Chunchon where the Communists had established their main supply depot. Seoul has already fallen without a fight and Chunchon, according to reports tonight, has been abandoned. But the swift United Nations thrust is not causing jubilation of victory. The enemy withdrawal is viewed with mistrust and General Ridgway has warned "the enemy action and the advancing season will no doubt bring us new and perhaps even greater challenges than those so far confronted and conquered."

Although there is no certainty about the enemy's recent losses, it seems natural that he has suffered sufficiently to want to shorten his lines and lengthen ours. And the "advancing season" will cause gradual worsening of the road conditions with the threat of severe rains in July which will not suit the United Nations forces. —London Express Service.

REDS DIGGING IN

Aboard the USS Princeton With Task Force 77, Mar. 20.

Navy fighter pilots flying from the USS Princeton reported today that "thousands" of Communist troops are digging in on ridges northeast of Seoul.

Pilots of Corsairs and Skyriders returned from strikes on Red positions late on Monday with the story of Communist troops massed "as thick as a bunch of rabbits."

They struck at the concentrations and entrenchments with napalm rockets and machinegun fire. The exact location of the Red troops was not pinpointed by the Navy communiqué issued at 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday. "The Communies were as thick as a bunch of rabbits," a pilot said. Lieut. Robert L. Kasten of Arlington, Virginia, reported seeing "thousands" dug in on an open ground. "There was an awful lot of activity down there," he said. "A whole Chinese army appeared to be there." —United Press.

GAMBLER'S ROLE IN POLITICS

New York, Mar. 19.

The US Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. William O'Dwyer, who was formerly Mayor of New York, told the Senate Crime Committee today that he once visited the home of the gambler Frank Costello, who admitted that he played a behind-the-scenes role in the city's politics.

At Costello's home, Mr. O'Dwyer testified, he saw two leaders of Tammany Hall, the Democratic organization in New York City.

Mr. O'Dwyer and Costello, who has been described as overlord of the underworld, both appeared at a stormy session of the US Senate Crime Investigating Committee. In its hearings here, the Committee has been seeking a link between New York City politics and organized crime.

Both O'Dwyer and Costello denied forcefully that they had ever made a political alliance. They agreed that they had talked to each other only once — when Mr. O'Dwyer called at Costello's home to investigate an Army fraud case in 1942.

However, the questioning of Costello brought out that he once had helped a politician win election to leadership of Tammany Hall, a powerful force in New York politics. He said he did it by going around and talking to powerful leaders of Tammany Hall.

"I'm not a politician," he insisted. "I'm a friend of politicians."

The gambling king testified in a croaking voice but he answered all questions put to him by the Committee counsel, in contrast to last week's sessions when he walked out because he was suffering from laryngitis and when he ducked some questions on grounds of self-incrimination. —United Press.

Princess Flies To Malta

Valetta, Malta, Mar. 19.

Princess Elizabeth arrived here by air today to join her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, who commands a frigate with the British Mediterranean Fleet.

The Duke greeted her at the airport.

The Princess's plane, a Viking of the King's Flight, met strong headwinds over the Rhone Valley.

Princess Elizabeth is expected to return to England towards the end of next month.

Communist Woos Italian Government

Rome, Mar. 19.

The Italian Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, making his first policy statement since a 10-week visit to Moscow, today offered to cease Communist opposition to the Italian Government if it would leave the Atlantic Pact and "radically alter its foreign policy."

Signor Togliatti said that his offer was dictated by the necessity for Italy "to escape the threat of the catastrophe into which the country is about to be thrown."

Signor Togliatti, leader of the biggest Communist party outside Russia and regarded as one of the Cominform's leading strategists, added that Italian Communists were ready to defend the frontier of the country.

"But," he said, "the Soviet Union does not menace Italy's frontiers and never will."

Signor Togliatti pledged his party to observe the lines laid down by the Republican Constitution in its efforts to transform the country's economic structure.

Signor Togliatti's "peace offer" was regarded as being calculated, among other objectives, to cut the ground from under the feet of the Communist rebels, who based their revolt on the Communist Party's "subservience to the Kremlin and its unwillingness to defend Italy from Soviet invasion." —Reuter.

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In Commons

London, Mar. 19.
The Parliamentary "cold war" here took toll today of Douglas Clifton Brown, the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Recent late night hearings have put a heavy strain on him. Today he was indisposed, and it was announced that he would not take up his post again until after Easter. He is 72.

Mr Winston Churchill said on Saturday that the Conservative Opposition would do their utmost to secure a general election at the earliest possible moment. Late sittings are part of the campaign to wear down the Government.

—Reuter.

Barcelona Labour Defiant

Barcelona, Mar. 19.
Some 200 workers are still in jail after the "cost of living" strikes and riots. All other prisoners have been released in a conciliatory move designed, observers believed, to stress the government's sympathy on the problems, which caused the walkout.

The government made clear its intention to keep the Catalan labour front in line, with the arrival here of the new civil governor, Felipe Acedo, and the new Inspector-General of the armed police, Rafael Hielro. Both enjoy the complete trust of Generalissimo Franco.

As they plunged into their new jobs, well-informed sources said it was clear that the Barcelona strikes represented a definite protest against the government's management of national affairs.

These sources believe the workers were also upset by charges of serious graft in, for example, the distribution of food, in which several hundred thousand head of cattle were said to have been smuggled to France and Portugal.

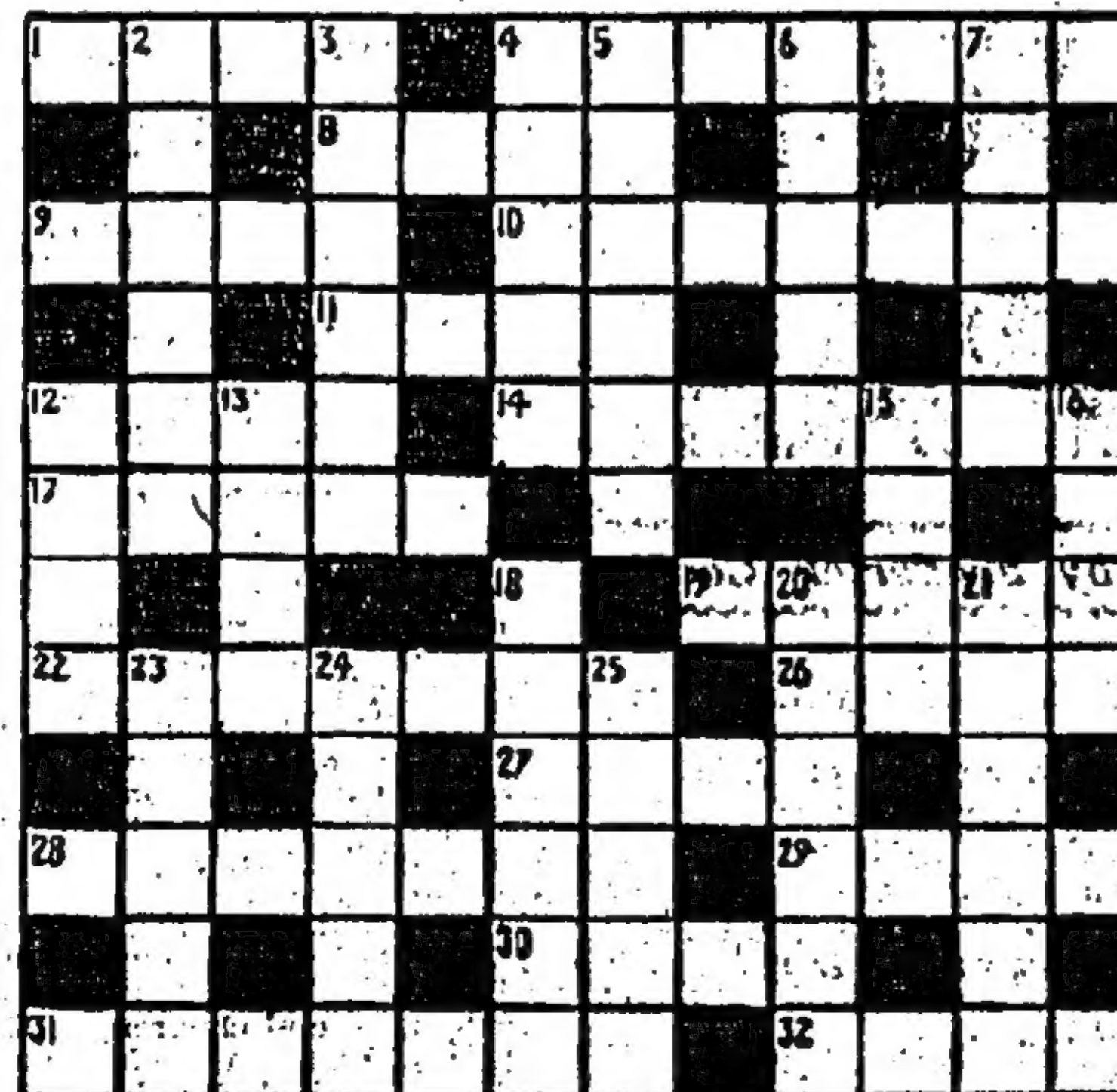
The government's housecleaning here included the ousting of Claudio Sanchez Garcia, a provincial delegate of the Labour Syndicates, in favour of Jose Sanz Catala. —United Press.

SLEEPS WITH
EYES OPEN

East Alton, Illinois, Mar. 19.
Mervin Opel, 22-year-old son of Mrs Mayme Opel, has been discharged from the Army because he sleeps with his eyes open, his mother said today.

Mrs Opel said her son's eyelids began to weaken four years ago when he was a college student. Doctors grafted muscles from his legs into his eyelids, she said, and now he can close them when he sleeps. Opel was drafted last October. —United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS.
1 Plays a part
4 Legacy
8 Pull
9 Father
10 Treachery
11 Circular plate
12 Veil
14 Raping man
17 Put away
19 Lascivious performance
22 Greek ceremony
24 Conical
27 Sublet
28 Rotates
30 Torment
31 Promontory
32 Rouser
33 Formerly

DOWN
2 Blue
3 Ghost
4 Exploded
5 Bring to light
6 Drives
7 View
12 Reptiles
13 Hard work
15 Wood
16 Slinger
18 Soften
20 Distinctly
21 Entertainment
25 Tally
26 Amalgamate
29 Ancestry

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Gromyko Alleges
West Violated
Potsdam Pact

Paris, Mar. 19.

The "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' deputies made no progress again today at their 13th meeting to frame an agenda for four-Power talks.

No new proposals were made at the meeting which lasted four and a half hours, a French spokesman said, nor was agreement reached on any of the earlier proposals, he added.

Mr Andrei Gromyko (Russia) made another long attack on the Western Powers, alleging violation of the Potsdam Agreement.

Dr Philip Jessup (United States) remarked towards the end of today's session that Mr Gromyko had resorted to a very convenient method of oratory—that of taking no notice of what was being said by the other side.

This meeting, at which M. Alexandre Parodi (France), acting as President, opened the third week of the deputies' talks to arrange the agenda for the proposed "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' meeting.

Dr Jessup said that the Western draft agenda would not prevent the Soviet Minister from raising all he wanted to discuss.

The Soviet delegation did not seem to be discussing whether the agenda was useful or adequate, but was objecting to it with some other purpose in mind, he added.

Dr Jessup said that the agenda should not be designed to dictate decisions to governments.

UNDER AN ILLUSION

He understood Mr Gromyko to have said on Saturday that if the Western deputies did not accept the wording of the Soviet agenda, public opinion would force the Western Governments to reconsider their decision. If Mr Gromyko really thought this he was under an illusion, Dr Jessup added.

Apart from public opinion controlled by Moscow, public opinion did not favour the policies the Soviet Government had been pursuing, he said.

The free world was directly opposed to its policies and especially to the threatening event which began on June 25 last (the Korean war).

Dr Jessup accused Russia of having violated the Potsdam Agreement in East Germany, particularly its provisions for demilitarisation. He recalled that tomorrow was the third anniversary of the Russian walk-out from the Allied Control Council for Germany. He had completed the disruption of four-Power machinery in Germany, he said.

BRITISH ATTITUDE

Mr Ernest Davies (Britain) made the following points:
(1) The only remilitarisation which had taken place in Germany was in the Soviet zone.

(2) If German participation in Western defence was being discussed it was because Soviet action had compelled other nations to examine a means of ensuring their security.

Mr Davies challenged Mr Gromyko's competence to judge public opinion in the Western countries.

Public opinion considered that the Western agenda was a reasonable basis for a meeting of Foreign Ministers and was mystified by Soviet intransigence, Mr Davies said.

Mr Gromyko spoke for more than one and a half hours, part of the time being taken up by the translation of his speech.

He reiterated the seriousness with which the Soviet delegation approached the "Big Four" meeting and rejected charges that he was motivated by propaganda intentions.

KOREA WAR

Taking up a reference by Dr Jessup to Korea, Mr Gromyko said that "some countries" which had been engaged in an arms race had passed over to "a new kind of war" in Korea. This, he claimed, was one more argument to demonstrate how timely was the Russian proposal for a discussion on reduction of armaments.

Mr Gromyko described as "preposterous" Western charges that the Soviet Union had re-armed Germany.

He then listed what he termed Allied violations of the Potsdam Agreement. These violations included, he said, the liberation of a number of German war criminals and their appointment to positions of economic and military responsibility.

Mr Gromyko then launched into a lengthy denunciation of "Yugoslavism." He said that the Government was needed by "an agent of foreign governments."

It had followed the United States in assuming the role of "protector of the Tito clique," he added.

"SIMPLE"
He concluded by saying that the Soviet attitude was "simple and justified." The fulfilment of the Potsdam Agreement should appear in the agenda and the questions of armaments reduction should be adopted as proposed in the Soviet agenda.

M. Parodi (France) replied that Mr Gromyko had dwelt at great length on the Potsdam Agreement but had glossed over Korea briefly and hurriedly.

Mr Gromyko's speeches had revealed such a wide divergence in approach between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers that it was clearly impossible for the deputies to attempt to bridge this gap by discussing questions of substance, M. Parodi said.

He repeated the fear he had expressed before that a meeting of Foreign Ministers proceeding from a conference of deputies and conducted on the present lines would merely be made a forum for the exchange of accusations and counter-accusations.

Mr Parodi said that Mr Gromyko's speech today had only strengthened this fear.

At the end of today's session, Mr Davies said that the British delegation rejected categorically Mr Gromyko's accusations about violations of the Potsdam Agreement. He reserved the right of reply, later in detail. —Reuter.

Hundreds
Choked In
Tunnel

Naples, Mar. 19.

Court records today bare details of what may have been the worst railway tragedy in history—death by asphyxiation of 321 persons when an Italian passenger train was stalled in a tunnel during the war.

The tragedy was cloaked in wartime secrecy, but relatives filed 300 suits against the State-owned railways. Suits reaching the Court of Appeals in Naples revealed the whole story.

The train was stalled on March 2, 1944, in the two-mile-long Bologno tunnel, south of Salerno, during the night run from Naples to Potenza. The passengers were asleep. The train lost momentum and began to slip backwards downhill while in the tunnel.

The engineer applied the brakes; then applied full power to gain traction again. Thick coal smoke poured from the engine into the tunnel. The engineer, apparently asphyxiated in a few seconds, was found dead, with his hand on the controls.

Almost all passengers were also asphyxiated—only about six survived.

The victims were buried in two common graves, one for men and one for women, in the tiny cemetery at Bologno. —United Press.

Rebel Base
Raided

Saigon, Mar. 19.

French Foreign Legionnaires have made a seaborne raid on an important Vietminh base, 25 miles north of here, destroying a headquarters, a munition workshop and cantonments.

Announcing this tonight, a French Army communique said that the base was one from which the Vietminh were recently increasing their operations in an attempt to divert French forces from the main fighting front in Tonkin Province.

The communique added that 129 Vietminh had been killed and 108 were captured near Huay, about 37 miles south of Hanoi, the capital of Tonkin Province. —Reuter.

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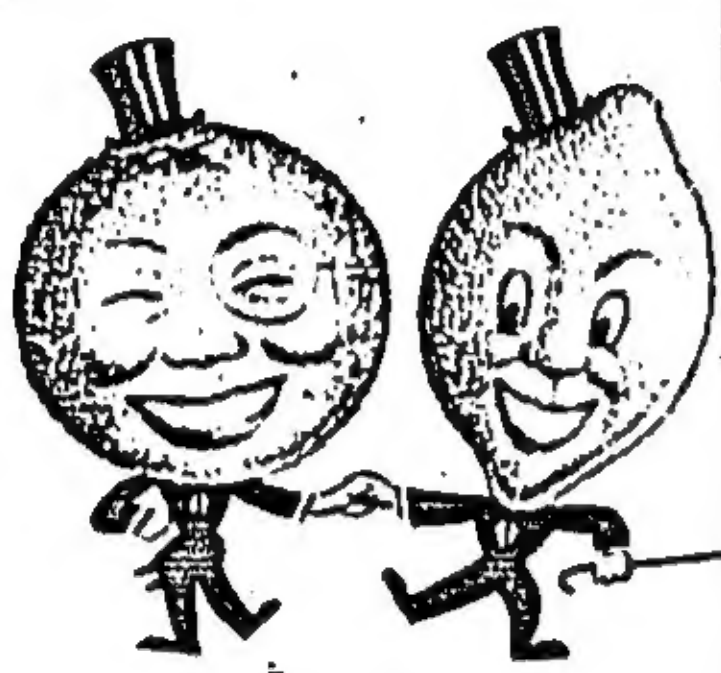
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A MAN WHO LIVES IN FEAR

EVERY night 53-year-old President Gottwald of Czechoslovakia leaves the former royal palace of Hradchin, in Prague—one of the loveliest castles in Europe—and walks, closely guarded, to small house in the grounds 300 yards away.

For, such is the state of tension in the Czech capital today, Gottwald no longer feels secure in the palace at night. Its size prevents it being adequately guarded.

★ 'SABOTAGE'

IN the speech which brought an end to month-long speculation as to the whereabouts of Dr Clementis, the former Foreign Minister, Gottwald said:—

"It is our duty to warn all those who listen less to the voice of their hearts than to the Voice of America. Our Security Police know how to deal with this type of people and can count on the full understanding of the public."

Then Gottwald admitted: Wages have risen much more quickly than output. Trains are running late, and there have been too many transport disasters. And he stressed: "Transport is especially vulnerable to enemy sabotage and diversion!"

The regime's greatest failure is, of course, in the sphere of bread and flour economy. It was the only topic on which the President was almost apologetic.

To provide a smoke-screen for all these failures, the President raised his voice towards the end of his speech and announced that Dr Clementis, together with two prominent party members, had been found to be in the pay of Western Powers.

★ DISCONTENT

WHOM does Gottwald fear? And why?

Beneath the surface and barely suppressed by the machine gun, this, once happy republic is seething with discontent.

Czechoslovakia is deep in economic difficulties. It has failed to fulfil its economic Five-Year Plan. It is riddled by opposition groups, large and small, both inside and outside the Communist Party. It is exhausted by ever-increasing Soviet demands for more goods and speedier deliveries.

By . . . **JOSEPH JOSTEN**

A former collaborator of Jan Masaryk and colleague of Dr Clementis.

But it is still in the steel grip of the secret police, who at times amount to half of all those present at meetings, or as officials in exposed administrative positions, or workers at the airport.

It is significant that when the newspapers of the world gave prominence to Gottwald's disclosure of a "smashed plot," to the "bread rationing," and the "thousands in Red purge," Radio Prague announced, as its leading news, that "Workers of Czechoslovakia, in response to President Gottwald's appeal, have decided to increase their output."

"Six thousand tons of coke above the set target will be produced in Kladno," and "The women of Czechoslovakia have expressed their satisfaction over bread rationing, securing a fair deal for everyone."

It has been stated that 100,000 Communist Party members were either screened or purged in the greatest vetting of the population since the People's Democracy was set up in Czechoslovakia three years ago.

The figure, I can reveal, is nearer 250,000. For the party members, now numbering over 2,000,000, were swollen too quickly during the Communists' bid for power. "Deviationists" are being weeded out.

The forced labour camps run into hundreds, and more are being built.

Groups of three Communist agents attached to each national committee, or local Soviet, say who should fill them.

These men and women are the all-powerful masters of the people.

Without their consent no one can change a job, obtain higher education for children, marry or even change a flat. These masters can—and very often do—vevo everything.

Most of the young intelligentsia have no other choice than to take up manual labour.

For it is from among this type that Gottwald and his Communists fear that the greatest challenge to their rule of terror will come.

What of Clementis, the deposed Foreign Minister?

A big trial in Czechoslovakia has been in view ever since the summer of 1949, and Clementis was the most obvious choice for it.

"A good candidate for the next courtroom confessional in Eastern Europe is the Czech Foreign Minister, Mr Clementis," wrote the Economist on October 22, 1949.

★ HEADLINE

"CLEMENTIS Must Know He May Face Trial and Execution," was a headline in the New York Herald-Tribune on December 18, 1949.

Clementis, successor to tragic Jan Masaryk—I knew them both, and well—is a shrewd analyst, commentator—journalist, and lawyer.

According to what we have heard from President Gottwald, he is licensed to Rajk (former Hungarian Foreign Minister, who was executed) and Trajko Kostov (former Bulgarian Prime Minister, who was executed), which brings him uncomfortably near to the shadow of the gallows.

—(London Express Service)

PERON'S PRIVATE ENEMY No. 1

NEW YORK.
UP on the top floor of the six-storey building housing South America's most respected newspaper, La Prensa of Buenos Aires, is a little soundproof room with polished mahogany floor. They call it the Salle d'Armes.

There in the old days angry readers who imagined themselves slighted in its columns could demand satisfaction, not by a libel suit, but by a duel with the editor or by arrangement even with the offending reporter.

The Salle d'Armes has not been used lately—though the carefully polished swords are still there. But La Prensa's editor, Dr Alberto Galiza Paz, has on his hands the biggest duel of his life. His opponent who so far has won every move but still has not found the opening for a fatal thrust, is Argentina's dictator, Peron.

The Wrecker

AT stake for Galiza Paz is not only the existence of his newspaper but the principle of Press freedom throughout Argentina. Peron's one-sided fight with Paz is being closely watched here in the United States—nowhere more so.

Ever since Peron took office five years ago he has shown a marked dislike for newspaper men who refused to be yes-men. Particular object of his disapproval has been La Prensa, against which a whole series of sometimes novel wrecking tactics has been brought to bear.

At one time Peron took away its newspaper and distributed it among papers who showed reader appreciation of the benefits of Peronism.

Two months ago the Peron-backed newspapermen's union demanded one-fifth of all La Prensa's classified advertising revenue.

Of course, this was refused. Then the union would not handle the paper.

Threatened by the newspapermen, the printers went on strike.



by Frederick Cook

Missing: 6 Men

THE sort of thing La Prensa is up against is illustrated by the story of its brand-new press. This was bought in the United States in 1947. It reached Buenos Aires in safety. Today it still stands "unscathed" in the paper's garage.

"Shortage of labour" has so far prevented Peron from granting the required Government permit to have it installed for a week. So delicate is Argentina's manpower situation that they just cannot be found.

Paz's doctorate is in law though he has never practised. It is more than likely that he has never even done to trial he will conduct his own defence.

HAS MORRISON GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

MR ERNEST BEVIN has stepped down from the great office of Foreign Secretary and Mr Herbert Morrison stepped up to it.

There are smiles all round, cordial handshakes, and more-or-less sincere wishes of "Good luck," which is proper. All the same, Ernie loathes 'Erb.

I expect a howl of protest from the more genteel arbiters of political taste for using this harsh word. However, it is the honest one.

Born in poverty, the son of a widowed village midwife, Bevin rose by his own courage, imagination, and intelligence to the effective dominance of the trade union movement of Britain.

There were some casualties on the road to power. One was Ben Tillett, the hero of the "Docker's Tanner" strike in the 'eighties, who "fathered" our Ernie as a dockers' official.

Thirty years later, as the "Docker's K.C.," Ernie did even better than Ben. He beat Tillett to the postwar leadership of the great Transport and General Workers' Union.

His direct interventions in politics were rare, but not less deadly. He drove old George Lansbury, the pacifist, from the leadership of the Labour Party in the Sanctions v. Italy issue of 1930 with the vitriolic phrase: "He has lawked his conscience from conference to conference like an offering. I set fire to the faggots."

The Labour Party elected Clement Attlee as leader.

Loyalty

DURING the war, under Churchill as Minister of Labour and National Service, Bevin was a "democratic dictator" of organised labour. Bevin got workers to do what possibly only an autocratic dictatorship could otherwise have done. He came out of the war himself a potential Prime Minister.

But Bevin remained steadfast to Attlee, though at least once (in 1947) he could have supplanted him. Bevin's strength is his loyalty to his friends—as his weakness is his fidelity to his grudges.

He carried them into Foreign Affairs, which is one good reason why Bevin was no very good Foreign Secretary.

Other statesmen's differences from his policy he regarded as a personal vendetta; he had so many of his own. Nobody has ever been so "stabbed in the back" (his phrase) as Ernest.

This Corsican concept of public business, which is admittedly rough enough, clouded his judgment. He quarrelled with both Jews and Arabs, Germans and French, Indians and Pakistanis.

But he held firm to the friendship of America, and he certainly tried hard for the friendship of Russia. Nobody even doubted Ernest Bevin's devotion to his own country, which he always set above party.

If Our Ernie was among the last of the Cloth Cap Socialists, Our 'Erb was among the first of the Homburg Hat Brigade. Morrison was born a Manager.

True, it also took him some time to arrive. His father was a London baby, and to Young Hopeful he bequeathed the cheerful cockney good temper of "Move-along-there please."

Our 'Erb never aspired to be the Artist in Politics; he aimed to be the Engineer. Others might seek to move men's hearts on great occasions; he preferred mastering how to keep the machine moving on all occasions.

Colleague Aneurin Bevan once unconsciously described him as a third-rate Tammany Boss. For once an understatement. Morrison is a first-rate party boss. He permits himself enemies, but not feudists. If ever Ernie openly resented 'Erb's treatment of him as a "new boy" in politics, 'Erb never obviously hit back.

'Erb has courage as well as skill. He was a conscientious objector in 1914. His disability (he lost the sight of his right eye when three days old) would have secured his rejection from military service.

Cockiness

MORRISON also served in Churchill's Government in 1940, as Home Secretary. He had to do pretty unpopular things, such as locking people up and closing newspapers down, and shirked neither.

Many dislike Morrison's cockiness; few doubt his capacity. When Ramsay MacDonald was deserting his old ship in 1931, he paid him a compliment not extended to all the rest of his late Socialist Cabinet, inviting him to join his new National Cabinet.

Lloyd George shared MacDonald's estimate, both of them and him. He said to me in those days: "If I were forming a Coalition Government again there is only one man on that Front Bench whom I would want—Morrison."

Will Morrison make a better Foreign Secretary than Bevin? Has 'Erb got anything that Ernie lacked? Does he know any more of foreign affairs and the great tides of economic and social change, and the human passions that swirl around them?

Possibly, no great knowledge but perhaps more willingness to learn. Probably more steady health and vigour. Certainly, a lesser burden of the years. Bevin was born in 1881. Morrison in 1888.

And if seven years seems a deuce of a lot even when you are young, it may mean a mighty lot more especially to a convalescent man, when you have passed the milestone, that says—

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HENDON WILL DEFINITELY UNDERTAKE THEIR MANILA AND HONGKONG TOUR

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Mar. 9.

Hendon will definitely undertake their Hongkong and Manila tour at the end of this season. Secretary Stanley Greene confirmed this today as rumours persisted that a crowded fixture list might make it impossible for the amateurs to find the time.

"We are definitely going to Hongkong and we are looking forward to the tour," he said. Hendon's drawn game with Pegasus at Highbury on Saturday in the FA Amateur Cup semi-finals means that for the fifth time their Middlesex Senior Cup tie with their local rivals, Edgware, has had to be postponed.

Hendon and Edgware were due to meet next Saturday but now Hendon will be engaged in a replay with Pegasus. In view of this match they will rest all their regular first team players and will field a side of reserves for their League game on Friday. On Easter Monday they will play two more games, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

ONLY A SPEED SKATER, BUT

One Of Britain's Most Successful Internationals

By JOHN MACADAM

Just at the moment we are sticking out our chests for the first time in a long while in light of that last lovely Test and the Turpin and Cockell blitzes, comes another bright episode—this time from Norway.

Principal and, in fact, only character in it is that personable young Olympic skating genius from Camberley (Surrey), Johnny Cronshey, whose ice activities in Norway over the past few seasons have received precious little publicity here but plenty out there.

The story opens with a heart cry from Stanley H. Cottis, an Englishman resident in Oslo and an enthusiastic supporter of all our boys who go out there to compete in one sport and another.

"But I enter the Stadium with fear and trepidation, knowing once more that the football

team, athletic team, boxers, skaters or swimmers who are combining an off-season pleasure trip with international competition will add a little more evidence to Scandinavian opinion that Britain is a mediocre nation."

THIRD CLASS

This, according to Mr Cottis, is not the case with Cronshey, who is lauded as the lone Englishman.

The Cronshey story is carried forward by columnist Veronica, in Oslo's Aftenposten, who describes that while most of the other Scandinavian competitors in the recent world championships at Davos travelled there either by second class sleeper or by air, Cronshey went third class without a sleeper.

In a 48-hour journey he had only two meals and six bottles of mineral water.

Cronshey is not a member of a club out there, although he plans to skate for an Oslo club next season, so he pays all his own expenses. To do this he works as a carpenter in a timber camp in the summer.

He had to borrow money to get to Davos, where he arrived on the eve of racing, hardly able to breathe in the rarefied air, with a few francs in his pocket.

CHEERED

Despite this he finished second in the long distance race— "that," he says, "is the Norwegian spectators who cheered me on all the time as if I were a Norwegian."

Cronshey is nobody's responsibility, but his own. He is in Oslo to satisfy the ambition of his life—to be a champion distance skater. He was not sent by any association.

Nevertheless, he is an Englishman who is doing British prestige an immense amount of good (athletically if not economically) by holding his head high among the world's best.

Cronshey, despite his short legs, has the tremendous stamina and the fighting spirit we have been praying for in our athletes. He can do us credit on any ice, anywhere.

(London Express Service)

Rugger Results

London, Mar. 19. The following were the results of rugger games played today:

RUGBY LEAGUE
Leeds 25, Kelghley 10.

RUGBY UNION
Redruth 0, Aldershot 3.

Pennance and Newlyn 3, Exeter 3—Reuter.

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

London, Mar. 10. The adjourned second game of the World Chess Championship between Mikhail Botvinnik and David Bronstein ended in an agreed draw in Moscow today, Moscow Radio reported.

The match was adjourned yesterday at the 41st move. The 42nd move was also drawn.

It is expected that the first team's forward line will play in the morning game with a reserve defence and that the first team defence will link up with the reserve forwards for the afternoon fixture.

In the remaining seven weeks before their departure Hendon have 13 League engagements and are still concerned in four Cup competitions.

If inside-forward Pheby is unable to go on tour to Hongkong because of his cricketing commitments with Kent, his place will be taken by Irish international Dennis Kelleher of Barnet.

Similarly, centre-half Dexter Adams may be replaced by Don Stoker of Sutton. Adams has to take a surveying examination at the end of April and may not be finished in time to join the rest of the team.

Colony Tennis Finals On March 29 & 30

Owing to inclement weather, the Colony Open doubles tennis championship semi-final re-play between Dr George Chou and K. C. Dao and the Tsui brothers was not played yesterday at Chater Road.

This match, and the two semi-finals in the Singles, between Ip Koon-hung, holder, and Tsui Wai-pui, and between Edwin Tsui and K. C. Dao, will be decided on the first day the court is fit for play.

Tentatively the finals have been arranged as follows: Singles on Thursday, March 29, and Doubles on Friday, March 30.

RUN ON ONE-EYED MAKOKO AT THE CALLOVER ON LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP

London, Mar. 19.

A run on Mr Frank Vogel's Makoko, a one-eyed five-year-old colt trained in France, featured the callover on the Lincolnshire Handicap at tonight's Victoria Club callover here.

Just over a week ago, Makoko was offered at 50 to 1. A promising display at St. Cloud, when he came in runner-up, cut those odds to 40 to 1 and the closing offer tonight was only 22 to 1.

Trained by Alex Head at the Mares Laite near Paris, Makoko has only seven stone, five pounds to carry in the Lincolnshire. It is understood that the French lightweight jockey, Paul Blanc, will ride him.

Offers about Astronome, like Makoko bred and trained in France, were extended half a point to 17 to 2 but Masked Light still remained unchanged at the head of the quotations.

The trainer, Frank Cundell, has strongly denied reports that Masked Light is unwell.

A Lincolnshire outsider, King Edmund, was quoted advancing eight points to 25 to 1. King

OTHER RANKS' ATHLETIC MEETING

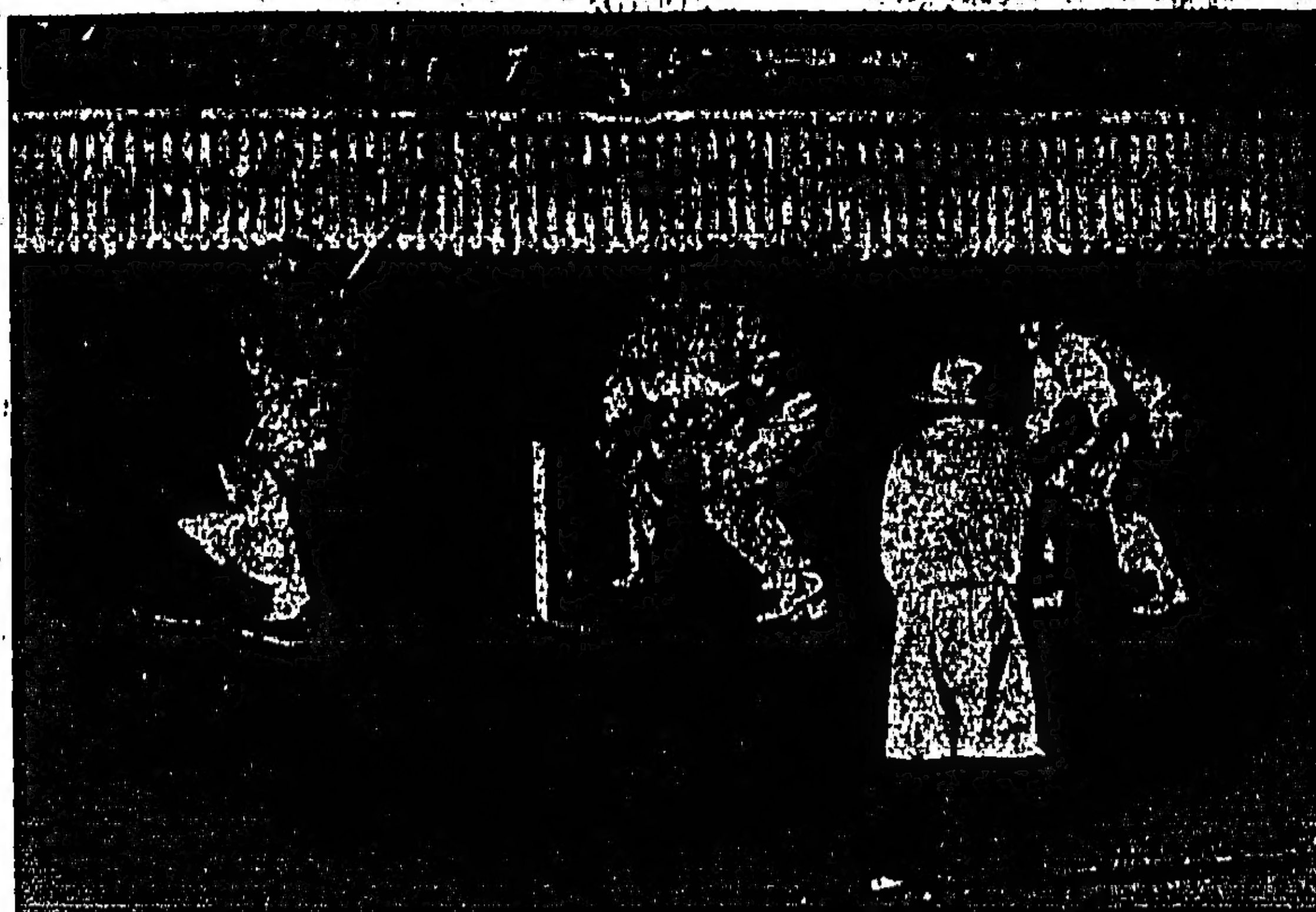
A Sports Meeting for Hongkong Army Other Ranks will be held at Soekunpoo on Wednesday, March 28, 1951. The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow has kindly consented to present the prizes and has himself given a cup to be awarded to the winning team in the Relay Race.

The first event will take place at 3 p.m. Both Track and Field events are being held and a number of novelty races have been included in the programme.

Tickets are obtainable for Hongkong Other Ranks and their relatives and friends, providing they possess two tickets. Tickets will also be provided on payment for British Officers and Other Ranks.

The band of the South Lancashire Regiment will be playing during the meeting.

MCC IN NEW ZEALAND



Cyril Washbrook, England opening batsman, lofts a ball to square leg on the first day of the match against Auckland, New Zealand, at Eden Park (March 6). Auckland batted first. Washbrook scored 11.

CURTAIN COMES DOWN ON THE RUGGER SEASON

KOSB SEVEN HELPED WAYFOONG WIN THE BLARNEY SHIELD

Says "HANLINCODE"

The curtain came down on the local rugger season on Saturday, when Wayfoong (The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Seven) beat the HMS Tamar Seven in the final of the Blarney Seven-A-Side Charity Shield at the Club Ground, Happy Valley.

A large crowd turned out to see, in the quarter-finals, Tamar defeat KOSB "A" by a single try scored by Fawcett. KSLI defeat the 27 HAA "A" also by a single try scored by Evans. The Club "A" beat 3rd Royal Tanks "A" by 11 points to nil, the scorers being Stewart, Nolan and Taylor, and Nolan converted one try. Wayfoong spoilt the KOSB "B" seven from going any further by eight points to nil. Layton and Craig scored one try each and Craig converted one of the tries.

This put Tamar & KSLI into the first semi-final, Tamar winning this very thrilling and even game when Lattey dropped a goal after extra time had been allowed. This game, so fast and hard, was to tell upon the sailors in the final.

In the second semi-final match, Club "A" were faced with the task of eliminating Wayfoong. This proved to be an impossibility for Wayfoong liquidated the Club "A" in the last few minutes of the tussle by a fine try by Craig. This was a grand game. Club "A" did not find the form

that they showed on Wednesday evening and Wayfoong were right on top of theirs.

It was a pity that these Club inates, for Wayfoong's seven includes six of the Club's best men, should have to meet before the final, but maybe it was better so.

The Club will want some of them next season and ten minutes of that kind of fast, open rugger is very trying. Indeed to play seven-a-side rugger at all demands perfect fitness and health. From the spectators' point of view, it is ideal entertainment.

In the interval between the semi-finals and the final, the Pipe Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers entertained the spectators with some fine Scottish Airs and the precise marching one expects of the Scottish Regiments.

THE FINAL

The final between Wayfoong and Tamar started rather slowly, each side weighing up the strength of the other. It was soon apparent, however, that the younger and fitter Bank boys would be doing most of the winning. Craig opened the score with a penalty goal. Tamar played hard and well after this but just could not cross the Wayfoong line and at half time, the score stood at Wayfoong 3, Tamar 0.

After the interval, Wayfoong put on pressure right from the start and one could see that Tamar was tiring rapidly. Craig touched down after receiving a pass from Layton who had made a nice opening. The kick was missed by Craig. Wayfoong 6, Tamar 0.

The next was a penalty goal from near touch by Craig to make the score 9 for Wayfoong. Campbell scored next for the Bank and Craig added the extra two points with a very fine kick and full time came with Wayfoong 14 and Tamar 0.

It was a pity that the mariners were a little unfit because it showed them up terribly in the last few minutes. Of course ten minutes each way is a long time to play when there are only seven men on the field.

TEAMS

Wayfoong: Layton, Campbell, Hutson, Craig, Handcock, Moseley, Boyer.

TAM: Tamar: Layton, Barrett, Walsh, Ludlow, Fawcett, Morrison, Jones.

Referee: Dr. Eberie.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Lady Grantham and Sir Arthur Morse and Commander Brownfield were among the interested spectators who watched Lady Morse present the Blarney Shield to Hugh Handcock, Wayfoong's Captain.

This must have been a very pleasant duty for Lady Morse to perform. As she the shield to the winning team, Wayfoong won the shield for the first time in 1951.

Turpin Beats Jean Stock On TKO

Leicester, Mar. 19.

Randolph Turpin, British and European Middleweight Boxing Champion, tonight beat Jean Stock (France) in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round fight here, the Frenchman retiring.

Although the towel came in from Stock's corner in the fifth round as he was helpless on the ropes, the referee, Mr Ivor Powell (Wales) refused to accept it, but immediately stopped the contest in favour of Turpin. Turpin thus avenged one of his two professional defeats, for in 1948 Stock compelled him to retire in five rounds.

It seemed as if Turpin, after a hurricane first two rounds, intended the fight to go almost to the same second and the same round as when Stock beat him.

The British Champion started as if he was about to produce another of his furious finishes, for he beat Stock unmercifully with rights and lefts to the short ribs and then hooked him viciously with a left to the jaw which put Stock down for a count of nine.

WOBBLED

Stock wobbled as he went to his corner and was in an unenviable state at the end of the second round after Turpin had sent him to the canvas for a count of eight with a left to the jaw after jabbing him all over the ring.

Then Turpin, eased up considerably. He found Stock difficult to hit about the head because of the Frenchman's close guard, but Turpin boxed beautifully and eluded Stock's rather ponderous swings without trouble.

This continued until the fifth round began. Then, Turpin opened up, pouring punches into Stock's body. He landed a perfect left hook which sent Stock back on to the ropes and the Frenchman fell forward flat on his face.

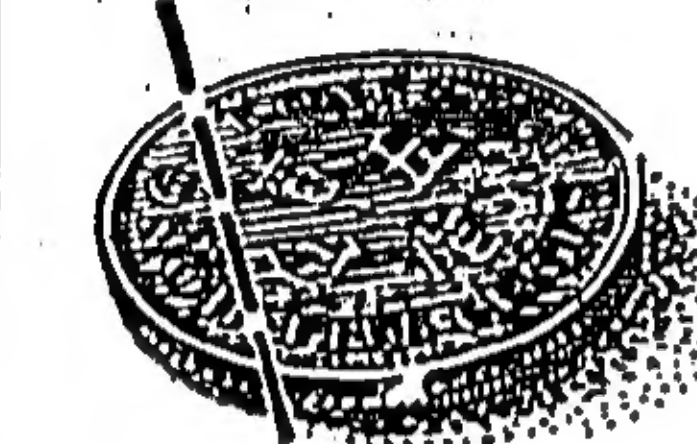
He got up at the count of eight, but he was helpless on the ropes, and as Turpin went in for the kill the towel came sailing into the ring. The referee then stopped the fight.

Stock rushed across to Turpin after the fight, held up the British Championship right hand and kissed him loudly on both cheeks. Turpin "opened" the head of the Frenchman with a right and a left, and then the stipulation of the fight was that they should shake hands.

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Saturday 24th & Monday 26th March, 1951

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The time interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are twelve races each day (24 in all). Through Tickets at \$48.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on Saturday, 12th May.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 22nd March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

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The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both offices at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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SERVANTS' PASSES
Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure, except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their assigned stands.

Owing to the present conditions in the Members' Betting Hall, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various entrances to the Members' Hall to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

BY ORDER, E. A. Slop, Secretary

University Win "B" Division League

By beating Chung Wah in a closely contested match by six games to three yesterday, Hongkong University won the Colony Badminton Men's "B" Division League title for the second time after the war. They won it previously in 1948. Winners in 1949 and 1950 were the Chinese YMCA.

With the exception of the Senior Mixed Doubles and the Men's "C" Division, all the League titles have now been decided. Winners in the various divisions are—

Men's "A" Division: Chinese YMCA
Men's "B" Division: Hongkong University

Men's "C" Division: Hongkong University or Chung Wah
Mixed Doubles "A" Division: Chinese YMCA "White" or "Blue"

Mixed Doubles "B" Division: Club de Recoelo
The Men's "C" Division final between the University and Chung Wah will be played today at the Craigcower Cricket Club commencing at 7.30 p.m.

THE SCORES

Men's "B" Division

Tan Leon-hong & Hooi Sang-tuck (HKU) beat K. C. Wong & K. Y. Tam 21-10; beat K. F. Chiu & Austin Ho 21-12; lost to C. F. Chiu & K. Y. Tse 17-21.

N. K. Chin & K. H. Chin (HKU) beat Wong & Tam 21-17; lost to Chiu & Ho 16-21; beat Chiu & Tse 21-7.

Y. P. Yoon & S. F. Lam (HKU) lost to Wong & Tam 15-21; beat Chiu & Ho 21-13; beat Chiu & Tse 24-21.

Today's Game

Sectional Final, Hongkong University v Chung Wah at Craigcower Cricket Club at 7.30 p.m.

Colony Snooker

In the Colony Open Snooker Championships played last night, the following were the results:

As R.C. J. C. Corder beat P. C. Bower by three frames to nil. T. E. Rodriguez lost to P. C. Bower 1-3.

At Eastern A.A. 3/8 J. Taylor beat K. Cheung 3-1.

At South China A.A. G. J. Brown beat M. A. Sun 3-1.

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KWANGTUNG	Bangkok	4 p.m. 20th Mar.
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KUNNAN	Bangkok	5 p.m. 22nd Mar.
SECHUEN	Singapore	5 p.m. 23rd Mar.
HUKIEN	Taipei & Tientsin	10 a.m. 23rd Mar.
SHANGHAI	Keelung	5 p.m. 27th Mar.
HUNAN	Taipei & Tientsin	10 a.m. 31st Mar.
SHANGHAI	Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 4th Apr.

ARRIVALS FROM

KUNNAN	Kobe	p.m. 20th Mar.
HUKIEN	Tientsin & Taipei	22nd Mar.
SHANGHAI	Keelung	7 a.m. 26th Mar.
HUNAN	Tientsin & Taipei	27th Mar.
SHANGHAI	Bangkok	1st Apr.

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ARRIVALS FROM

TAIPEI	Kobe	24th Mar.
TAIPEI	Sydney & Ports	17th Apr.
TAIPEI	Japan	2nd week May

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"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool & Glasgow	10th Apr.
"AENEAS"	Dublin & Liverpool	25th Apr.

Scheduled sailings from Europe

Sails		
Liverpool	Rotterdam	Arrives Hong Kong
14th Feb.	18th Feb.	In Port
G. "PATROCLUS"	14th Feb.	10th Apr.
S. "AENEAS"	21st Feb.	10th Apr.
S. "AUTOMEDON"	4th Mar.	12th Apr.
S. "MYRMIDON"	7th Mar.	13th Apr.
S. "PROMETHEUS"	Sailed	15th Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	18th Mar.	26th Apr.
G. "BELLEROPHON"	21st Mar.	26th Apr.
S. "MARON"	28th Mar.	4th May
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	4th Apr.	8th May

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S. Loading Swansea before Liverpool.

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HK/Singapore (DC-4)	Noon Wed. 5.10 p.m. Thurs.	
HK/Manila/B.N., Borneo (DC-3)	8.30 a.m. Mon. 4.00 p.m. Tues.	
HK/Manila (DC-3)	10.00 a.m. Wed. 1.10 p.m. Thurs.	

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"BENALBANACH"	do	2nd May
"BENVENUE"	do	10th May
"BENLAVERS"	do	22nd May

SAILINGS Loading on or abt

"BENVOLICH"	Liverpool & Rotterdam	21st Mar.
"BENVALDER"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Antwerp	12th Apr.
"BENAVON"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Rotterdam	14th May
"BENMACDHUI"	London, Antwerp & Rotterdam	20th Mar.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY, LTD., HONGKONG, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1951, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon to transact the ordinary business of the Company and to consider and, if thought fit, to pass an Ordinary Resolution to increase the remuneration of each Director to \$4,000.00 per annum and to increase the additional remuneration of the Chairman to \$2,000.00 per annum as from 1st January, 1951.

The Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th day of March to the 21st day of March 1951, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. H. PATERSON, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th Feb., 1951.

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By Frank Robbins

DROUGHT RAVAGING N. BRAZIL

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 19: Children are dying at the rate of 20 a day from hunger, thirst and disease caused by drought in the town of Patos in the interior of Ceara State in North Brazil, says reports sent today. Brazil has not felt for more than six months in Ceara, and in another North-eastern State, Pernambuco, where famine is also prevalent.

The authorities are alarmed at the possibility of plague in Ceara, where three cases of bubonic, two of them fatal, have already been reported. A general strike is being called today and hungry and thirsty peasants are threatening to burn down and plunder large farms and village food shops.

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